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Nestle plant closing will cost 180 jobs



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The Nestle Beverage Co. plant in Granite City.

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Nestle Beverage Co. will abandon its Granite City facility later this year, the food packaging giant announced Friday.

The Granite City iced-tea-mix plant, located at 2101 Adams St., underwent a \$1 million expansion about three years ago. It is Nestle's only instant tea manufacturing facility in the world and employs about 180 people.

The decision was announced to the company's employees Friday morning.

Tony Adamich, a vice president with Nestle Beverage, said Friday that the decision to move the instant tea operation to a larger facility in Freehold, N.J., was the result of the beverage industry's intense competitive environment, which prompted a company-wide study of operations, costs, assets and resources.

"With declines in the demand for instant coffee and instant tea products, it just didn't make sense to have multiple facilities," Adamich said.

"This is no reflection on the city of Granite City,

the management of the plant or the employees working there," he said.

"We have to complete them. This has been a showcase plant for Nestle since the 1940s.

"(The decision) is just an unfortunate result of the competitive environment and, unfortunately, we had to make the decision to close the Granite City plant," Adamich said.

Nestle, based in Switzerland, is the largest packaged food manufacturer in the world.

Adamich said the Granite City facility will continue with full-scale production for the next 10 to 12 months.

The company will be working with state employment agencies and private firms on outplacement and transition programs for the employees "to help with the next step in their lives," he said.

Granite City Mayor Ron Selp said Nestle pays \$270,000 a year in property taxes based on the Granite City plant's assessed valuation, including \$137,000 to the Granite City School District and \$43,203 to the city.

Selp called the move "a great disappointment and a blow to our economic development efforts."

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A mission of love

Program provides meals for needy

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

They arrived in winter coats and stocking caps and scarves — many of them wearing the only clothes they own.

Most of them came on foot from homes nearby. But at least one had no place she could call home — only a place to sleep at one of the convenience stores downtown.

Those who didn't have the luxuries of coats, hats, gloves and scarves when they arrived, left with them on a night when temperatures dipped near zero.

All of them left with warm meals in their stomachs and looks of thankfulness on their faces.

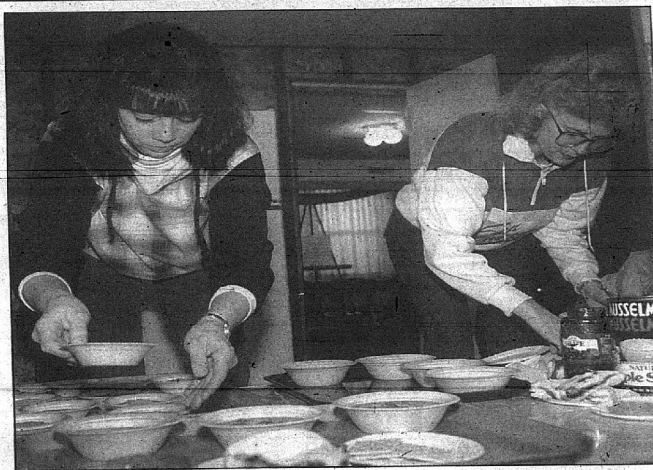
But, unfortunately, many of them were wondering as they left where the next meal would come from.

This scene, which actually occurred last week, replays itself each Tuesday night at First Baptist Church, 21st Street and Delmar Avenue, Granite City.

While the weather — and, therefore, the need for clothing and shelter — may change, the hunger continues.

Each Tuesday, free "Meals of Love" are served at the downtown church beginning at 4:30 p.m.

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Penny Wilson, left, and Pat Knapp, members of First Baptist Church in Madison, place food on trays to be served by other church members during a free Meals of Love dinner at First Baptist Church in Granite City.

Man charged with murder

Woman thrown from McKinley Bridge

River ice is preventing authorities from searching for the body of a woman who was shot and thrown off the McKinley Bridge, but her alleged attacker has been charged with first-degree murder.

Stanley Hall, 25, of Overland, Mo., was charged in the slaying Thursday after allegedly abducting Barbara Wood, 44, in a carjacking.

"This is another act of random violence against people minding their own business and conducting their own affairs in places they deem safe," Madison County State's Attorney William Haine said.

Wood was on her way to work Saturday night at a retail shopping center in south St. Louis County near her home. Police say she was abducted there and taken to the bridge. Witnesses saw her struggle with a man who then shot her and threw her into the river from the bridge about 7:45 p.m.

A motorist blocked the man's escape from the bridge after the man's accomplice drove away, and Venice police arrested the man, later identified as Hall. The accomplice still is being sought.

Hall's girlfriend, Tonia Jordan of Overland, was charged with obstructing justice after she allegedly told police she was fighting with Hall on the bridge at the time of Wood's death. Authorities said she was not in the area at the time.

Hall was being held Friday in lieu of \$500,000 bond, and Jordan was being held in lieu of \$50,000.

Venice police said they found blood stains on the bridge and railing, four spent casings from a .25-caliber pistol and a woman's red scarf caught on the railing.

Police in middle of visitation squabbles

SPRINGFIELD — A new state law will put police and prosecutors in the middle of visitation disputes between divorced parents.

The law, which went into effect Jan. 1, created the new offense of "visitation abuse" and prohibits parents with custody of children to refuse, without good reason, visitation by non-custodial parents.

Violators may be charged with a petty offense, punishable by up to a \$500 fine. A third offense could result in a Class A misdemeanor charge, punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

"I understand completely that the enforcement of this law will entail some new difficulties for our local police departments, and my office will work to minimize these problems as much as we can," Madison County State's Attorney William Haine said in a memo to police chiefs outlining the new law.

The law takes visitation disputes out of family court and puts them in criminal court.

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Man hurt at crossing

Gate malfunctioned, police say

A 46-year-old Granite City Steel employee was seriously injured Tuesday morning when his car struck a piece of heavy machinery crossing 21st Street near Granite City Steel.

A crossing gate arm at the intersection was malfunctioning at the time, but a flashing red light was working properly, according to a police report.

Philip D. Weatherspoon of Troy was taken by ambulance to St. Elizabeth Medical Center at 8:11 a.m. Tuesday after his eastbound 1988 Dodge Omni went under a malfunctioning crossing gate arm and struck a "pot-hauler," a multi-ton piece of machinery crossing 21st Street, the police report states.

Weatherspoon was admitted to the hospital. He said he received about 100 stitches in his face and sustained a broken sternum and broke both bones in his right forearm.

He was discharged later in the week and was recovering at home Friday.

Weatherspoon, a millwright at Granite City Steel, said that he had just finished his shift, clocked out and was leaving the parking lot when the accident occurred.

"I had just pulled out of the parking lot. The gate wasn't down and I didn't hear a horn or anything indicating the ladle hauler was coming across. All of a sudden I saw it and didn't have time to stop," Weatherspoon said.

A witness to the accident told police that he was eastbound on 21st Street behind Weatherspoon's car when the accident occurred.

The witness said the sun was shining in his eyes, but that he saw the gate begin to go down.

The gate did not go down far enough to stop traffic, however, and Weatherspoon was struck.

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"Stay in when it's cold and keep bundled up if you have to go outside."

Leland Ambuehl Granite City
"Stay inside."

•Squabbles

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court and puts them in the lap of law enforcement agencies.

Haine noted that under previous law a parent who claimed visitation rights violations had to go back to a family court judge and seek a civil contempt citation.

A group called the Children's Rights Coalition, headed by Jeff Strang of White Hall, lobbied for the new law.

Strang said the law is the first of its kind in the United States. "It will cut down on some domestic violence" and parents using children against each other, he said.

Before the law went into effect, Haine had expressed concern that switching the issue from family court to the criminal justice system could impose an excessive burden on his office, but he said the law will be enforced.

"The General Assembly has spoken and it does have a reasonable basis, and however difficult it is, we are going to carry it out," Haine said. "It will require more judgment calls by local police officers that will make their work more difficult as well."

"For the sake of the children, it is also important to uphold court orders."

Haine said he hoped noncustodial parents would not use the new law to harass ex-spouses. Haine said his office will also begin asking family court judges to be more specific in their visitation rights orders, "rather than something vague such as 'reasonable notice.'"

The law says parents with custody can be charged with the offense if they "willfully and without justification (deny) another party visitation as set forth by the court where a party has never used his visitation in a manner which is harmful to the child or the child's custodian."

Haine included a model complaint form police could use to issue a citation under the law. It will be similar to a traffic ticket, and when a petty offense is involved, it will be heard in local courts like traffic charges, he said.

The Illinois Supreme Court has also approved a similar form for

use by police and prosecutors.

Strang of the Children's Rights Coalition, which pushed for the law, has filed dozens of petitions in Greene County Circuit Court alleging violation of child visitation orders by his ex-wife. However, he was once jailed for contempt for failing to pay child support.

Strang said his group is preparing training videos for police. He said he hoped the state Local Law Enforcement Officers Training Board and the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority would help pay for the videos.

Thomas Jurkanin, the training board executive director, said his agency may contribute about \$3,200 toward the cost.

However, Jurkanin said, he was unaware that Strang and his father, Robyn, a former Greene County board chairman, are charged with fraud in federal indictments for allegedly pocketing money from investors in the sale of unauthorized securities.

Jurkanin said that might be a factor in whether the grant is approved. The Strangs have pleaded not guilty and are scheduled to go to trial Feb. 28.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Highers fees sought for family cases

Higher fees should be tacked on to family court cases to pay for added Madison County courthouse security because of the volatile nature of many such cases, a County Board member says.

"Those family cases are the ones that really use up a lot of our security over there. So if anyone is going to pay more, I think it should be them," Finance Committee member Jack Frandsen of Alhambra said.

The County Board may vote this week to raise the court security fee on some types of cases to cover rising security and personnel costs that are depleting reserves.

The fees go into the court security fund, which is used to pay for four deputies, metal detectors and other security measures at the courthouse in Edwardsville.

Last year, the fund had a surplus of \$100,000 but much of that is expected to be eaten up this year and next as revenues decline and day-to-day operating expenses rise.

The fund will take in an esti-

mate \$170,000 this year. Some county officials are suggesting the fees should be increased to boost yearly revenues to \$200,000.

County Director of Administration Jim Monday, Chief Deputy Auditor Rich Hampton and Circuit Clerk Matt Melucci were expected to meet Friday to discuss which types of cases might be most suitable for fee increases and a final decision is expected early this week.

Parties in civil cases pay a court security fee of \$1 to \$5, depending on the type of case. Individuals charged with felonies and misdemeanors pay court security fees of \$5 each if convicted.

Frandsen suggested raising the fee on family cases, which is now \$1, because of the amount

of security many of those cases require. The fee limit under state law is \$15 per case.

The four-man courthouse security detail is frequently called into family court proceedings to calm quarreling spouses and family members. The family court handles custody, divorce and child support claims.

Other committee members suggested raising the fees for small claims and some other cases, but the committee did not make a formal recommendation Thursday.

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Klan rally proves costly

Tab to state's taxpayers will top \$80,000

SPRINGFIELD — Security and preparations for the Ku Klux Klan rally at the Statehouse last Sunday cost taxpayers more than \$80,000.

Secretary of State George Ryan said direct costs included \$30,360 for Secretary of State Police overtime totaling 1,262 hours; \$4,839 for riot gear and other special materials; \$10,995 for custodial and building trades employees' overtime; and \$2,550 for barricades.

Also, Illinois State Police costs included \$34,683 in overtime and \$540 for a surveillance aircraft.

The Capitol was secured by 130 barricades, 680 sandbags and 1,300 feet of fencing, primarily to keep the Klan and anti-Klan

protesters widely separated. Secretary of State Police Director Jack Pecora said the KKK had requested that only news media be allowed near the rally.

The Illinois Department of Transportation provided a dozen wooden barricades and nine concrete barricades to seal off the street on the east side of the Statehouse where the Klan rally was held and where most of the counterdemonstrators swarmed behind the barriers.

One of the few calls for the medical help was for a suspected case of frostbite. When the Klan rally began at 1:30 p.m. Sunday the temperature was 7 and the wind

chill was 16 degrees below zero. A steady snowfall and swirling winds made for near-blizzard conditions at times.

Although several arrests were made during the rally, there were no direct confrontations between the Klan members and the crowd that gathered to protest the march, authorities said.

The Klan had organized the rally to protest the designation of the birthday of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as a national holiday. The counter protesters outnumbered the Klan members.

— From the Alton Telegraph

CPR classes will be offered here

February is American Heart Month. During this month, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City, will be urging people to learn to save a life by learning cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

When CPR was first introduced about 30 years ago, it was mainly used in hospitals. However, studies found that CPR was needed outside the hospital, too, because of several facts:

- Most sudden deaths from heart disease occur outside the hospital.
- Most out-of-hospital sudden deaths occur in the victim's home, in the presence of family members.

CPR done immediately by bystanders, along with advanced life support started quickly by paramedics, significantly reduces deaths in out-of-hospital cardiac arrest.

"CPR is a life-saver, but it is not difficult to learn. It only takes a few hours. Studies have found that most people can perform CPR adequately after the first class," a spokesman said.

During Heart Month, SEMC is offering a variety of CPR/Obstructed Airway classes, Thursday.

taught by American Heart Association trained instructors:

- Adult CPR/Obstructed Airway class: Tuesday, Feb. 1, from 6 to 10 p.m., in the Miloski Room at SEMC. Participants will learn basic life support for victims ages eight and older. Preregister by Friday, Jan. 28.

- Adult/Child CPR/Obstructed Airway class: Thursday, Feb. 3, from 6 to 10 p.m., in the Miloski Room. Participants will learn basic life support for ages eight and older, plus techniques specifically designed for young victims, ages one to eight. Preregister by Friday, Jan. 28.

- Infant CPR/Obstructed Airway class: Tuesday, Feb. 15, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the Miloski Room. Participants will learn basic life support for infants, ages zero to one. Preregister by Friday, Feb. 11.

- Infant/Child CPR/Obstructed Airway class: Saturday, Feb. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Miloski Room. Participants will learn basic life support for infants, ages zero to one, and children, ages one to eight. Preregister by Friday, Feb. 11.

During Heart Month, the cost for each class has been reduced to \$10.

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County facing recycling order

Cities could be forced to start curbside programs

With a state deadline looming May 1, Madison County officials are considering ways to force some communities to begin curbside recycling.

"The county has the power, under state law, to mandate curbside recycling in municipalities, but we have up to this point chosen not to go that route," said County Board member Dick Worthen of Alton, chairman of the board's Environmental Control Committee.

"We have instead been offering grants to encourage curbside recycling to those towns and cities that express an interest."

"But that doesn't seem to be enough for some of the bigger cities. Evidently, they're waiting for someone to put pressure on them," Worthen said last week.

Alton Mayor Bob Towse, however, said he has talked to Worthen about the issue but added it is time for the county to do more than just talk. He wants to see a concrete, written proposal. "I don't think he'll accomplish anything by making comments and deciding the issue in the newspaper," Towse said.

Mike Fruth, another member of Worthen's committee, said cities should act without the county taking formal action.

"We're trying to be diplomatic about this, but we're just not getting much response. Everybody is willing to talk, but nobody is willing to do anything."

Madison County is three months away from a state-imposed deadline to reduce the amount of trash going into landfills by 15 percent.

But county officials estimate only 8 percent to 11 percent of the garbage is being diverted, a shortfall they attribute to a lack of curbside recycling programs in such cities as Alton, Granite City, East Alton and Wood River.

Getting the larger cities to comply is the key to meeting the mandate requirements, Worthen said.

Collinsville has offered curb-

side recycling for several years.

"Alton and Granite City are the big ones, and then there are some smaller communities that haven't picked up on curbside recycling yet," Worthen said.

Ways to force curbside recycling will be discussed by the Environmental Control Committee during the next few weeks.

Towse said the Alton City Council could have such service in place by May 1, but it will cost money. He said the city has an option in its contract with Laidlaw Waste Systems Inc. to start curbside recycling, but it will cost an estimated \$21,600 per month.

The option provides for a \$1.80 monthly charge for each of the 12,000 households in the city, Towse said.

He said some aldermen are concerned whether recycling is another case of the state forcing the city to provide a service without providing money.

Although officials believe up to 11 percent of garbage is being diverted from landfills, the exact percentage is tough to gauge because no reports are required of waste haulers, recyclers and landfill operators.

"We send out requests for that information quarterly to all the waste haulers and recyclers, but they're not required to respond so we never get a full picture of where we're at," said Denise McCleary, solid waste coordinator for Madison County.

Fruth said McCleary is making a "valiant effort" to get cooperation from the cities but is getting little help.

There may be little the state can do even if the county misses the May 1 deadline.

"There is a \$500 penalty in the law for noncompliance, but (the statute) is very vague as to how and when it should be imposed. The emphasis is on compliance, not enforcement," said Dan Fruth, a spokesman for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

— From the Alton Telegraph

•Nestle

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but added that the city will rebound from the loss.

"While the loss of Nestle means the loss of 180 jobs to the metropolitan area, the reopening of American Steel Foundries (also in Granite City) has increased employment here by some 600 jobs since last January, with more to be added shortly," Selph said.

He said he had been in contact with Gov. Jim Edgar's office, State Sen. Ken Hall and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs Friday morning after hearing the announcement.

When Nestle rebuilt the Granite City plant after a fatal explosion several decades ago, Nestle officials announced they planned to operate in Granite City forever.

They cited the community's helpful response during dangerous all-night efforts to rescue employees from the rubble of the building.

At the time of the explosion, the plant produced instant coffee for Nestle.



Clean sweep — Harold Howard of the 2200 block of Washington on Avenue uses a broom to sweep snow from the sidewalk in front of his home Monday. At night, Teresa Lynn, 14,



(Staff photos by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

pushes her friend, Angie McElroy, 13, slowly around the ice at the Wilson Park Ice Rink. Lynn was trying to help McElroy learn to ice skate.

Animal control head seeks computer linkup

A computer lifeline between veterinarians and the Madison County Animal Control Department could cut down on the number of pets that die each year as a result of roadside accidents.

Dr. David Hall of Collinsville, the new director of the Animal Control Department, wants to improve communication between his office and veterinarians so the owners of pets hit by cars at night or on weekends can be contacted in time to arrange medical care.

In many cases, Hall said, concerned residents who find an injured animal by the side of the road will bring the animal to a vet's office for emergency care.

However, the injuries are usually severe and the bill can run into the hundreds of dollars.

"As a private veterinarian, I've seen this happen so many times, it's very frustrating. You've got a dog that's immaculately groomed with an expensive collar so it's obvious they are being cared for by someone. The animal is in a lot of pain but our hands are tied because we can't just assume someone is going to come forward and pick up the \$300 bill," Hall said.

Veterinarians are often reluctant to proceed without discussing the situation with the owner first, Hall said.

If the animal is found at night or on a weekend, when the Animal Control office is closed, it is virtually impossible to trace the name of the owner through rabies tags.

"What we usually end up doing is trying to keep the dog or cat in as little pain as possible until the owner can be notified," Hall said Tuesday.

Hall is proposing to install a computer in the home of Chief Animal Control Officer Terry Brookman. When injured dogs or cats wearing

county rabies tags are brought into a veterinary office, the vet can call Brookman, find out who the owner is and see if the owner wants the animal treated. Brookman would have access to the office's files through the home computer.

The computer would cost between \$800 and \$1,500, Hall estimated. The County Board's Animal Control Committee is expected to discuss the matter later this month.

Hall was appointed late last year to succeed Dr. Virgil Holdeman as head of the Animal Control Department.

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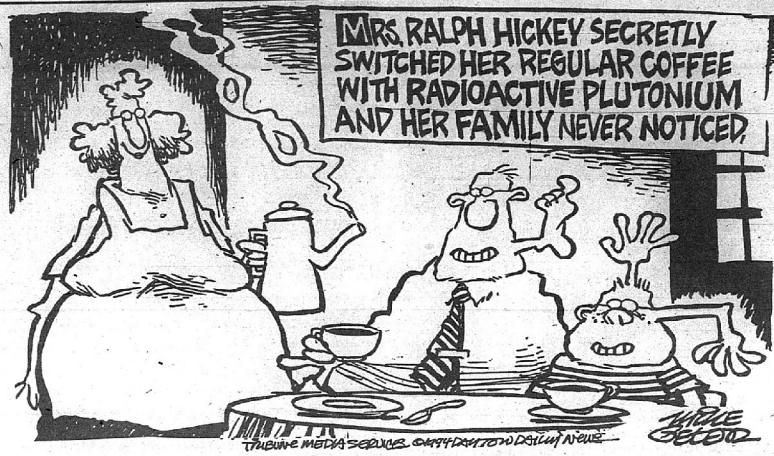
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Federal 'blackmail' to expand tailpipe emission testing

(Alton Telegraph comment)
There was probably no other way the controversy over expanding the Illinois auto emissions program could have been resolved than the way it was. No blackmailer has clout like a federal blackmailer. After months of wrangling, the legislature this month quickly passed an expanded tailpipe test program adding Collinsville, Marysville, Caseyville, Edwardsville and other Metro East areas, as well as more Chicago areas, to those that have been tested since the program began in 1990.

We share the goals of clean and healthy air, but we agree with Sen. Frank Watson, who voted against the proposal as "overkill."
The entire St. Louis area was only out of compliance with federal clean air standards, eight times out of 150,000 tests," Watson said. Gov. Jim Edgar is expected to quickly sign the bill. Ironically, Edgar two weeks ago refused to sign a bill that had been approved earlier to restrict leaf burning in many parts of the state.

That bill was strongly endorsed by knowledgeable health-care agencies, which recognize that leaf burning pours massive amounts of pollutants into the air. The bill seemed to have widespread public support.

The governor dismissed those endorsements and that public support in vetoing the bill. Odd that the public is denied a pollution-control step it seems to want, yet is forced to accept one it doesn't want and may not

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Snow plowed in Pontoon Beach

TO THE EDITOR:
To all citizens of Pontoon Beach who were mad about paying a five percent utility tax, didn't it make you feel good when you went outside Monday morning, Jan. 17, and your streets were plowed off?
That's your tax money working.
The village bought a snowplow and salt spreader from the state of Illinois and loaned the truck to Nameoki Township, which maintained and garaged the truck until the truck came in handy for the first bad weather of the year.
I was one of the first people who laughed when the village bought that truck; now, who's laughing?
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Thanks to one and all.

JIM HILL, Pontoon Beach

Winter tips on caring for Houseplants from Frank's experts and a reader

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Where Beautiful Things Begin

Keeping your indoor houseplants healthy and happy is an ongoing chore throughout the winter, and we'll offer time tips now and then. One of our readers has been sharing helpful suggestions also.

You may remember an item submitted last month by

regarding houseplants and humidity. He has sent in another one on houseplants, but this time it involves keeping 'em clean.

Houseplants, like just about everything else in the home, can and do pick up dust. According to Coghlan, a great solution is to give the plants a shower... literally!

Placing the plants in the shower (lukewarm water) every now and then eliminates the difficult chore of dusting them. Plus it can help to eradicate infestations of insects.

When the shower's over, leave the plants there for a while to drain and soak up the humidity. Alternate the plants so they each have a turn. The plants will reward you many times over by staying clean and healthy.

If you'd like to join the ranks of those who have sent in tips to us, here's our address:

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Indoor flowering plants love humidity. Unfortunately, the air, especially during winter, in our homes is usually much too dry. If you have a humidifier on your furnace, it's not a problem. You don't want to set the humidity level up too high, though. There are other side effects of high humidity.

If you don't have a humidifier, you can increase the humidity around plants just by grouping them together, but not too tightly. There must be space for air to circulate around the plants. Keeping plants on pebble trays will also help.

You may want to consider installing a humidifier on your furnace. It will keep you and your plants more comfortable. Humidifiers come in a wide range of styles and prices, so it's a good idea to check them all out. Unless you're quite adept at plumbing and possibly electrical work, depending on the humidifier, the installation should be handled by a pro.

Here are a few tips that can combine gardening with the recycling effort.

What do you do with all those plastic knives left over from take-out dinners? Chances are you toss them into the trash along with the other carry-out remains. Hang on to them instead. If you start now, you'll probably have a good collection by spring. They can be used in the garden to identify plants. Write the plants' names on the knives with a grease pencil and stick the knives in the ground.

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County officials fight over where to buy coroner cars

A proposal to replace aging vehicles in the Madison County Coroner's Office is being put in neutral while county officials argue about where to buy the cars.

As a result, deputy coroners responding to homicide, suicide and natural death calls will continue driving retired Sheriff's Department cars, some with more than 120,000 miles on them. The County Board killed a proposal Wednesday to buy two 1994 station wagons for use by deputy coroners because the vehicles would have been purchased from a state bidding pool rather than a Madison County auto dealership.

"I don't know why we're going to this state pool when we haven't even looked to see if we can get it cheaper here in Mad-

ison County," said Board Member Jack Frandsen of Alhambra. "I'll bet we can."

Board Chairman Nelson Hagnauer, of Granite City, agreed with Frandsen and the question was sent back to committee, where local dealers will be given a chance to bid. "We owe it to the people here in our county to see that we keep county money local when it's at all possible," Hagnauer said.

The proposal to buy the cars had already been approved 3-1 by the board's Finance Committee, with Frandsen casting the



Hagnauer

no vote. Many board members rallied behind Frandsen Wednesday, including Herbert "Junior" Milton of Granite City, who battled with Coroner Dallas Burke last year over the new county morgue.

As chairman of the Buildings Committee, Milton opposed the morgue but it was approved by other committee members at a meeting when he was out sick.

The station wagons would have cost about \$18,000 each from the state bidding pool.

Local governments often participate in a state bidding pool to purchase vehicles, especially police cars, because the state can get the cars at a good price by purchasing them in large numbers.

Wednesday's action delays the purchase for at least a month.

Some board members suggested vans be bought instead of station wagons, but Burke said she requested station wagons because they are more suited to the rough terrain deputy coroners often have to drive to reach bodies, such as plowed farm fields and muddy side roads.

"Vans are not feasible for the type of work we do. You can use them to haul bodies but in this kind of weather, a van would be dangerous," Burke said after Wednesday's meeting.

Deputy coroners would be safer in a station wagon, she said. If she can't get the station wagons, Burke said, she would prefer cars rather than vans because of the safety and handling.

Burke presented her case to the Finance Committee last year, but County Board members wanted it repeated for them Wednesday. The coroner, however, was in court and could not appear.

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Edwardsville's purchase of county building OK'd

Edwardsville city officials were writing a check for \$1 last week after the Madison County Board agreed Wednesday to sell the old Sears building to the city for a dollar.

The building will be used for a new Edwardsville City Hall. The vote, taken without discussion, came the morning after the City Council agreed to issue \$1.2 million in bonds to pay for renovation of the Sears building, 118 Hillsboro Ave.

The building was formerly used by the county to house the Assessor's Office. County officials used a \$290,000 federal loan to upgrade the building in the 1980s but that loan does not have to be repaid if the building remains in use as a public facility.

The city will accept terms of

the federal loan. Edwardsville officials said they will repay the \$1.2 million in bonds with revenues from a state income tax surcharge.

In other business, the County Board delayed action on increasing the court security fee paid by the county's Finance Committee in the Madison County Courthouse.

Officials want to raise the \$5 fee per case to combat rising security costs, but they decided Wednesday to wait until next month to take a formal vote.

Board members and other county officials have yet to agree on which types of cases to raise the security fee, though they appear to be leaning toward family court cases and other civil lawsuits.

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New Year's baby — The first baby of the New Year at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City, is Melissa Jean Cassie. From left are Melissa; Tim Cassie, the father; and Kimberly, the mother. Melissa was born Jan. 4 at 10:45 a.m. She weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces.

Puppy, dog obedience classes offered

The Humane Society of Collinsville will sponsor puppy (under 6 months) and adult dog obedience classes.

Pets and owners will learn basic pet manners — come, sit, down, stay, heel — and receive help with dog problems. Classes will be offered at three locations:

■ Edwardsville Eden Church gym, Thursday evenings starting Jan. 27.

■ Caseyville Elementary School gym, Monday evenings starting Jan. 31.

■ Maryville Elementary School gym, Maryville, Friday evenings starting Feb. 4.

The cost for puppies class is \$25 for a five-week session. Adult

dog classes are \$50 for a 10-week session or \$45 with proof of spay/neuter. All proceeds benefit the Humane Society of Collinsville.

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State cracking down on sexual harassment

SPRINGFIELD — A crackdown on sexual harassment among state employees has resulted in dozens of disciplinary actions in its first year. Gov. Jim Edgar's spokesman said.

Some women's rights activists called the tougher policy a great first step but said there's plenty more to go. "No one has been fired as a result of the policy, but a couple of dozen disciplinary actions have been taken against employees," Dan Egler said.

Discipline has ranged from "written reprimands to suspensions of one to three days without pay," Egler said.

The policy bans such things as comments about body parts, leering and repeated requests for dates. The governor issued the executive order applying to employees in departments under his control in December 1992. It included a "model policy" applying to about 67,000 employees in state agencies, warning against suggestive comments, jokes, touching and other proscribed behavior on the job.

"It appears at least the policies are now in writing and people know what is expected. I don't doubt that it is helping," said Louie Laurenti, a legislative liaison with the Illinois National Organization for Women.

Illinois NOW has commended Gov. Edgar for his efforts to stop sexual harassment in state offices, she said. Egler said the executive order has meant "victims are more willing to step forward early and bring the charges and nip the problems in the bud and that's what the executive order was meant to do."

Egler said he could not give any specific details of the offenses that led to disciplinary actions because of confidentiality requirements.

Mary Lee Leahy, a Springfield attorney who is the top lawyer in the state in filing sexual harassment complaints involving state government, said she hasn't heard any feedback on the impact of the executive order.

Leahy said a couple of dozen disciplinary actions involving 67,000 employees were issued very low. Laurenti said much more needs to be done to stop sexual harassment and she is hoping the governor will line up behind three sexual harassment bills being pushed by NOW.

One bill would substitute a "reasonable woman" standard rather than a "reasonable person" standard in lawsuits involving sexual harassment of women because men have a different view of what constitutes harassment than women, she said.

Another would allow punitive damages to be assessed in sexual harassment cases, and the third would specifically prohibit sexual harassment by landlords against tenants.

Egler said about 27,000 state employees have received special training on how to recognize and avoid sexual harassment since the order was issued.

The order bans on-the-job comments about sex, anatomy or gender-specific traits, sexual propositions, repeated requests for dates or sexual statements about other employees.

Whistling, leering, catcalls or snacking or kissing noises and any posters and signs of a sexual nature are forbidden in state offices.

The policy also gives examples of more subtle forms of harassment involving the "use of endearments." It advises against addressing women as honey, darling or sweetheart, for example.

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Most will notice few '93 tax regulation changes, IRS says

Even though 1993 saw the passage of major tax legislation, the Internal Revenue Service says most people will notice few changes when they open their tax packages.

Many of the most talked about tax law changes won't go into effect until 1994. These include a revised moving expense deduction, and an increase in the taxable portion of Social Security for some beneficiaries, and a decrease in the deductible portion of business meals and entertainment.

Though the IRS encourages people to begin planning for these changes, they won't affect the returns people fill out this filing season.

Most people will find themselves in the same tax rate bracket in 1993 as they were in 1992. These rates are 15, 28 and 31 percent.

That's because tax rate brackets, along with standard deduction and personal exemption amounts, are adjusted each year to keep pace with inflation. Though two new tax rates, 36 percent and 39.6 percent, were added in 1993, they apply to the fewer than 2 percent of Americans at the top of the income scale.

Here are some changes to look for in 1994:

• Working families who made less than \$29,550 during the year can get an

expanded Earned Income Credit.

Additional credit is available to families who paid for medical insurance covering at least one child, had a child born during 1993, or had more than one child living with them. The top credit is \$2,364, up more than \$150 from last year. Use Schedule EIC to claim this credit.

• Some married couples with no dependents now qualify to use Form 1040EZ. In the past, only single people could use this 10-line tax form.

According to the IRS, Form 1040EZ can save time and paperwork for many high school and college-age workers and other people with basic tax

situations.

• The amount of tax a person may claim for the Presidential Election Campaign Fund rose from \$1 to \$3. As before, this has no effect on the amount of tax a person owes.

• Self-employed people who are not eligible for coverage under an employer-sponsored health plan can deduct up to 25 percent of their health insurance premiums on the front of the 1993 Form 1040. Since this deduction, which had expired on June 30, 1992, was restored retroactively, those eligible should also consider using Form 1040X to amend their 1992 returns to claim premiums paid for the last

half of that year.

• The annual limit on a popular depreciation provision, known as the section 179 deduction, rose from \$10,000 to \$17,500. Targeted primarily to self-employed individuals and small businesses, this provision enables taxpayers to write off part or all of the cost of furniture, equipment and other tangible assets in the year they are placed in service.

In an effort to save money and paper, the IRS is sending pre-addressed postcards, instead of 1993 tax packages, to almost 22 million Americans who paid someone to do their tax returns last year.

Money: Wait not . . . want not

If you have continued to place most of your money in money market funds and other short-term accounts hoping that interest rates will increase, you could be playing an expensive waiting game. Waiting on the sidelines for rates to increase may cost you dearly in future income and wealth-building potential. As this article will show, even if short-term rates rise steadily — an optimistic scenario — you may be better off investing for income in medium-term bonds (those with maturities between five and 10 years).

Most interest rates have fallen during the past few years. However, returns on financial instruments with maturities of a year or less — such as money market funds, savings accounts, short-term CDs — have suffered the most. Short-term interest rates have plummeted to historically low levels, while rates on longer-term issues have not fallen as much. Thus, the difference in rates between short-term and longer-term issues has widened, resulting in substantially higher income on longer-term investments.

Bonds with maturities of five to 10 years have several advantages. You would receive more income than you would on short-term instruments. Bonds in this range offer most of the yield of their long-term

counterparts (bonds maturing in more than 10 years) at only a fraction of the potential volatility. If interest rates decline further, these bonds will also provide some opportunity for capital appreciation.

The current spread (or difference) in rates between short-term and intermediate securities can mean a lot to you in dollars and cents. Today, a taxable money market fund returns 2.7 percent, while a five-year Treasury note yields 3 percent and a five-year, AAA-rated municipal bond yields 4 percent. The bonds provide higher levels of income, and the municipal bond advantage is especially striking when you consider the after-tax return.

But what if rates increase? Despite today's low short-term rates, many people continue to leave their investable assets in low-yielding instruments. They feel they might miss out if rates go back up. However, even a steady rise in short-term interest rates is not likely to overcome the income-producing power of longer-term securities.

Suppose you placed \$100,000 in a taxable money market fund paying 2.7 percent. Assume the rate increased by one-half of a percentage point each year and paid 3.2 percent the second year, 3.7 percent the

third year, 4.2 percent the fourth year and 4.7 percent the fifth year. You would still be better off with a five-year Treasury or five-year municipal bond, especially after figuring federal taxes.

You may also want to consider another quality income-producing investment: preferred stock. Most preferred stocks pay fixed dividend amounts, much like bonds pay fixed rates of interest. They are generally less risky than common stocks. Utilities, banks and many blue-chip industrial companies issue preferred stock.

To learn which investments are suitable for you, and to discuss specific recommendations, talk to a qualified financial consultant.

Tim Guthrie, a Belleville resident, is a financial consultant with a St. Louis-based investment firm. He can be reached at 1-800-999-9530 or 314-982-0580.

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Ban contributions from utility companies, candidate says

SPRINGFIELD — A Democratic candidate for secretary of state is rebuking opponents for taking campaign contributions from utility companies.

"I don't think it's right for those who are running for secretary of state to be on the campaign payroll of the utilities. They ought to be on the side of the consumer," State Treasurer Patrick Quinn said.

Quinn called the contributions a conflict of interest and said he will continue to refuse such donations. He also released a study on amounts given to his opponents in the race, incumbent Republican Secretary of State George Ryan and Democrat Donny Jacobs, a senator from East Moline.

Ryan received \$15,950 in utility donations since 1978, while Jacobs accepted \$29,800 since 1986, according to Quinn's study.

Ryan spokeswoman Kim St. Aubin said there's no conflict of interest because the secretary of state doesn't regulate utilities, except to mail Citizens Utility Board membership inserts in vehi-

cle registration renewals, as required by law.

She said Ryan has received \$6,050 in donations from utility companies since 1990, equaling only one-tenth of 1 percent of his total campaign contributions.

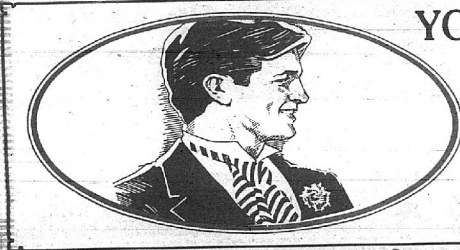
Jacobs could not be reached for comment.

Quinn also charged utility lobbyists and Republican legislators with attempting to pass legislation to overturn CUB's right to mail its information through the Secretary of State's Office.

CUB is a nonprofit citizens' group that Quinn spearheaded in 1982. The group represents consumers in the state's dealings with utility companies.

"Many families in Illinois spend more money on utilities every year than they do in taxes to state government," Quinn said. "We cannot allow utility companies to get together with politicians to gang up on CUB."

St. Aubin called the charge ridiculous and said the Secretary of State's Office mails out about 14 million inserts a year.



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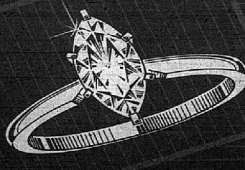
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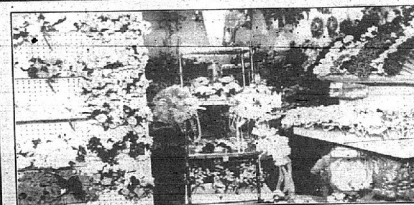
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Social Security raises for 45 million

This article was printed about one month ago, but because of the holidays readers some missed it. I received a very good response from those *Journal* readers wanting to know their Social Security benefits, so I am repeating the article for those who may benefit from this important material.

In addition, I have added some information about "pay raises" for Social Security recipients in 1994.

Every year that an individual has worked and been credited for Social Security taxes, it is documented in government records. You can request to see a print-out of your income and contribution.

Your record will show year-by-year results, and also estimate your benefits for retirement at age 62, full retirement age, or age 70.

In addition, it provides an estimate of the disability benefits you might be eligible for and any benefits payable to your family if you should die. To begin the process, you simply need to complete a "request for earnings and benefit estimate statement."

This is available free from Social Security and you can call or visit any Social Security office to get this form.

I also have a supply of these forms and you can call my Granite City office and I will mail you how many you need



Brian Mulhall

free of charge. (See the telephone number at the end of this article.)

The second step is to complete the form and mail it to Social Security.

You will find the form easy to fill out and it should not take more than a few minutes to complete. A few minutes to complete your personalized statement back from Social Security in six weeks or less.

Once you receive the information, and if your records agree with Social Security, then you should file the statement and resubmit a new document at least every other year.

If your records do not agree with Social Security, you should contact them at the toll-free number provided to you in their document. They can usually help you by telephone.

Social Security is one area of your retirement plan that is easy to overlook until you are ready to file for it. You are entitled to know if your records are right. So, if you have never filed one of these forms, or it has been

several years since you have filed, add this to your 1994 checklist.

America's 45 million Social Security recipients will get a 2.6 percent cost-of-living increase this year.

It will be the second smallest increase since 1975, when Congress first ordered annual adjustments to keep up with inflation.

The 2.6 percent increase will mean \$17 more each month for the average recipient, boosting the typical benefit to \$674. Since 1975, benefits have risen automatically each year, keeping pace with inflation.

Because of the struggling economy, inflation has remained in check in recent years, resulting in relatively small benefit increases.

They amounted to 3 percent in 1992 and 3.7 percent in 1991, compared with 14.3 percent in 1980 and 11.2 percent in 1981, when inflation was much higher.

I will host another retirement planning seminar on Wednesday, Jan. 26, at the Legacy Golf Course. Please see the advertisement in this paper, or call my office number below for further details or reservations.

Brian Mulhall is a partner with America Group Financial Services. He can be reached in Granite City at 331-7322.

Two from Century 21 attend state workshop

Bobbie Bailey and Debbie Sander of Century 21 Royce Realty Inc. recently attended the Illinois Association of Realtors Professional Standards and Procedures Workshop at the Springfield (Ill.) Convention Center.

The Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice for Realtors in Illinois were discussed at length during the general session. Other sessions included discussions and case studies on grievances, the

professional standards process, writing of findings of fact, ethics and arbitration, license-law, contract law and rules of arbitration.

Bailey is the broker and co-owner and Sander is a Realtor at Century 21 Royce Realty.

Bailey is chairman of the grievance committee of the Granite City Board of Realtors. Sander serves as a director.

2 earn Realty certificates

The Illinois Association of Realtors has recognized and awarded certificates of achievement to two local real estate professionals.

Sandra Basden and Bobbie Bailey received the certificates for successfully completing a course on buyer brokerage.

This course examined general agency, with a heavy focus on buyer agency.

Bailey is the broker and co-owner of the firm.

Accountant attends tax school

Carl L. Weakley, a local certified public accountant, recently attended a comprehensive two-day tax school that was offered by the University of Illinois.

The 1993 Farm Income Tax School covered recently enacted changes in the tax law as well as rulings from the Internal Revenue Service and the courts that affect farms, small businesses and individuals.

Weakley is a resident of Glen Carbon, and has offices in Edwardsville and Granite City.

He offers tax and accounting services for small business and individuals.

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After 21 years, radiologist retires

After 21 years of service to St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Radiologist Gerald Shaikun, M.D., will have what many call a dream retirement: travel, play and a little work.

"I want to do other things while I am young and in good health," Dr. Shaikun said. "Too many people push themselves until they don't have their health or energy to do things when they retire. I want to be able to do what I want to do in my free time."

Shaikun joined SEMC on a part-time basis in 1972 and began full-time in 1974. He retired from his practice at the beginning of this year.

He said he has seen many changes in the Radiology Department through the years.

"One of the major changes I have seen at St. Elizabeth over the years has been with the medical staff. When I came here, St. Elizabeth had dedicated physicians, but basically general practitioners, with a few exceptions. Now, they are so well trained and educated. We have top people in every field in every aspect of the medical center."

"Administration deserves a lot of credit for that. (SEMC Chairman) Sister Mary Thomas and the other administrators wanted excellence in care from early on."

"I admire the administration for managing this health-care

facility in times of an economic depressed community. They kept their hospital healthy through those bad times, and they have managed to give Radiology the best equipment possible.

"We had the first CT scanner on the East Side when hardly anyone knew what it was. Administration has kept us on the forefront of technology throughout the years."

He said one thing that has not changed is St. Elizabeth's generosity.

"We never turn anyone away," he said. "This is very admirable in today's society. No other private hospital in the area does this."

"This philosophy is a real credit to the Sisters of Divine Providence."

SEMC President Ted Ellerman said Shaikun will be missed by many associates at the medical center.

"Dr. Shaikun really felt comfortable being here and treated people like part of the family, which is what our philosophy is all about," Ellerman said.

"He has been willing to participate in the Radiology Department functions and was always



Shaikun

concerned with the needs of the patient and meeting the requirements of the medical staff. He liked to keep necessary tools at physicians' disposal to help determine a diagnosis.

"I think he is retiring at an early age, but he wants to travel and experience different cultures in life, which is very important to him."

"He will be missed because he is part of our family. He showed a love for his work while being good-natured at the same time."

Shaikun has three children and lives with his wife, Laurie, a retired judge, and two cats.

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Births

Erica Ragan
Kevin and Linda Ragan of Granite City have announced the birth of their fourth child, a daughter.

Erica Lynn was born at 8:44 a.m. Dec. 20, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

The mother is the former Linda Deatherage.

Maternal grandmother is Margaret Deatherage of Fairview Heights.

Paternal grandparents are Jerry Ragan of Granite City and Marilyn Ulms of Belleville.

Erica joins William, 14, Amanda, 12, and Justin, 9.

Brittany Pulley
Russell and Brenda Pulley of Granite City have announced the birth of a daughter.

Brittany Nicole was born at 10:02 p.m. Dec. 12, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

The mother is the former Brenda Kathryn Jones.

Paternal grandparents are Ray and Ruby Jones of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Rev. Jack and Dorothy Wilson of Orleans, Ind.

Brittany joins Heather Jones, 16, Amanda Jones, 13, Stephanie Bosworth, 8, and Dorothy Sue Pulley, 12.

Trey Dayton
Kimberly Dayton of Granite City has announced the birth of

her third child, a son.
Trey Allen was born Dec. 20, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 8 pounds.

The mother is the former Kimberly Dasch.
Trey joins Tyler, 3, and Trevor, 2.

Zachariah Werner
Phillip C. and Kristina M. Werner of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Zachariah Scott was born at 7:23 p.m. Dec. 18, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

The mother is the former Kristina M. Springer.

Maternal grandparents are William and Patricia Springer of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Ed Werner and Jane Schubert, both of Granite City.

Zachariah joins Kelly Denise, 4.

Brandon Walton
Steven and Carolyn Walton of Granite City have announced the birth of a son.

Brandon Douglas was born at 4:27 p.m. Dec. 18, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

The mother is the former Carolyn D. Brown.

Maternal grandparents are Vernon and Doris Brown of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Doug and Kathleen Walton of O'Fallon.

Brandon joins Michael Summers, 14, and Stephanie Summers.

Ryan Buenger
Mark and Karen Buenger of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Ryan Edward was born Dec. 16, 1993, at Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, and weighed 10 pounds, 1 ounce.

The mother is the former Karen McGovern.

Maternal grandparents are Edward and Gale McGovern.

Paternal grandparents are Earl and Marcia Buenger.

Great-grandparents are Stella Ruby and Bea Rittenhouse.



Officer installation — New officers for the James Stuart Chapter DeMolay are, from left, sitting, Michael J. Adams, chaplain; Nathan J. McCrary, master counselor; Scott A. Vokley, senior counselor; Jason S. Blanton, junior counselor; standing, Douglas R. Ray, senior steward; David K. Zarate, junior steward; Robert A. O'Beir, senior deacon; Michael P. Elledge, junior deacon; Robert Jones III, almoner; and Ronald R. Offit, junior marshal.

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In the classroom

Stinson

Matthew Stinson of Granite City was one of 125 students named to the Monmouth College dean's list for the fall semester.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must achieve at least a 3.666 grade-point average on a four-point scale, while carrying a full-course load.

Founded in 1853 by Scottish Presbyterians, Monmouth is a nationally-ranked liberal arts college. Best known for the quality of its teaching, Monmouth has also won recognition for its distinctive structured curriculum. The college stresses student involvement in a broad range of curricular and extracurricular opportunities.

Cook

The Greenville College scholastic honor roll for the first semester of the 1993-94 academic year includes an area student, Tanja Cook, daughter of William and Maria Cook of Granite City, is a junior communications major.

To place on the honor roll,

juniors and seniors must maintain a current 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Freshmen and sophomores must keep a 3.25 average.

Greenville College, founded in 1892, is a four-year fully-accredited Christian liberal arts college in Greenville, Ill.

Kumar

The University of Missouri-Rolla has announced the names of students who made the honor list for the 1993 fall semester. Those on the list carried a minimum of 12 hours and had grade point averages of 3.2 or above out of a possible 4.0.

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Pontoon church to begin book study

Lucille Martin covers the Pontoon Beach scene for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be contacted at 931-0731.

These businesses and persons who donated attendance prizes for the Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens Club were not published in the list released earlier:

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On Feb. 13, the Pontoon Baptist Church will begin a "50-Day Spiritual Journey" book study. It involves personal journals to be done at home each day and coordinated sermons on the subjects covered each week in the journal. It also involves reading two chapters in a small book for the first three weeks. More information is available at the church or call 931-1316.

On Sunday, Jan. 23, the Pontoon Baptist Church will be having Baptist Men's Day. The men of the church will be in charge of the program and many will be recognized for their services;

some who have exceeded beyond their call of service. The public is invited to attend this special day.

The Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens' monthly meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 25, in the Senior Citizen Hall. Due to the weather, the regular meeting night had to be postponed.

The Bunco Club held its regular meeting Wednesday evening. One guest, Melody Bettis, attended. The members present were Edith Rogaschnik, Robbie Wilson, Debbie Vincent, Sally Kirksey, Vina Nelson, Linda McFarland, Karen Lemler, Edna Bennett, Peggy Milton, Linda Arnold and Doris Wilson.

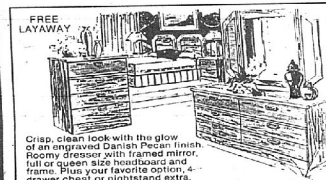
The Christian Senior Fellowship members will meet Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. at Shoney's Restaurant. A donation of \$20 will be made to the United Methodist Church from CSF in memory of George Albertson, who will be greatly missed.

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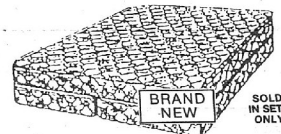
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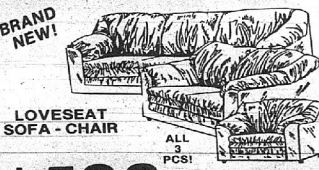


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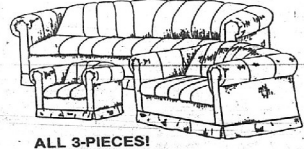
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Learn basic life support to use for infants, ages zero to one and children, ages one to eight. Pre-register by Friday, Feb. 11.

The Milonski Room is located on the lower level of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., in Granite City.

To pre-register, call SEMC's
Education Resources Department at **798-3201**.

NEWS

Obituaries

Anna Reed

Anna E. (Langston) Reed, 92, of Granite City, formerly of Madison, died at 3:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 1994, at Madison County Nursing Home, Edwardsville.

She was born Oct. 1, 1901, in Fuxico, Mo., and was a local resident for 65 years.

A homemaker and a former member of the Eagles Auxiliary, she was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include three sons, Charles Reed of Madison, Ted Reed of French Village, Mo., and Ron Reed of Orlando, Fla.; three daughters, Lola Barylske of Highland and Doris Young and Marcelle Adams, both of Granite City; one sister, Valera Covington of White Bear Lake, Minn.; 22 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sons, Harold, Noel and Kenneth Reed; one daughter, Ova Carlson; her parents, Charles and Minnie (Nash) Langston; one brother, Kenneth Langston; and two sisters, Lucy Lawson and Iva Adams.

Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. today at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus Ave., Granite City, where services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

Byrdie Joiner

Byrdie May (Elliott) Joiner, 85, of Dover, Tenn., formerly of Madison and Granite City, died at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 1994, at Trinity Hospital, Erin, Tenn.

She was born June 15, 1908, in Stewart County, Tenn., and resided in the Madison-Granite City area for many years. She was a homemaker and a member of New Haven Baptist Church.

Survivors include seven daughters, Mildred Outlaw, Myrtle Page and Brookie Myers, all of Dover; Virgie Thomas of Springfield, Mo.; Tommie Patrick of Claremore, Okla.; and Marty Schuette and Regenia Sutton, both of Granite City; one sister, Maggie Joiner; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Gates Joiner, who died Oct. 21, 1970; and her parents, John and Isabelle Elliott.

Services were held Saturday at Anglin Funeral Home, Dover, with the Rev. Steven Minor and the Rev. James Webb officiating. Burial was at Joiner-Hefflin Cemetery, Dover.

Meals

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Jane Raphael, 60, a retired Granite City school teacher, is now director of the Madison County Baptist Association's "Meals of Love" program.

The program invites any and all hungry persons to have a free, hot meal one night a week with absolute anonymity and no obligation.

During the recent cold weather, hats, coats, gloves and scarves have been set out to be taken by those who need them.

"We have given out about 30 winter coats so far," Raphael said.

The program was started on the first Tuesday in February 1992 by feeding eight people.

"We were disappointed, but still happy to know that eight people would not go to bed hungry that night," Raphael said.

Since that first evening nearly two years ago, the program has grown to feed an average of 83 people per week, and has fed as many as 101 in an evening, she said.

A lot of people were skeptical and said that there really wasn't a need for this program in Granite City.

"But I think this has opened some eyes," she said, adding that new faces show up every week.

The program currently has 10 churches participating. Each of those churches is responsible for donating, preparing, delivering and serving one meal every 10 weeks.

John Knapp, pastor of First Baptist Church, Madison, whose 16 volunteers fed 70 people last Tuesday, said the program has

Martha Rochester

Martha (Warford) Rochester, 73, of Granite City died at 8:10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City. She was born Feb. 13, 1920, in Kevil, Ky.

She was an administrative assistant to the superintendent of schools in Granite City School District 9 for 26 years before retiring and was a member of Third Baptist Church, Granite City.

Survivors include two sons, Harold Rochester Jr. of Aliso Viejo, Calif., and Terry Rochester of Collinsville, four brothers, Milan Warford of Ohio, Paul and Louis Warford, both of Georgia, and William Warford of Texas; one sister, Dorothy Rogers of Anaheim Hills, Calif.; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Rochester Sr., who died in 1986; and her parents, Jessie Terry Warford and Zula (Terry) Warford.

Services were held Saturday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, with the Rev. Elwyn Wilkinson officiating. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

Memorials are requested for the American Kidney Foundation.

Anna Gordon
Anna M. (Anielak) Gordon, 86, of Granite City, formerly of St. Louis, died at 6:12 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 1994, at Collinsville Care Center, Collinsville, after a 13-year illness.

Born Aug. 14, 1907, in St. Louis, she had been a resident of Granite City for 16 years. She was a homemaker and a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Granite City.

Survivors include one son, Edwin W. Gordon of Granite City; three brothers, Henry Anielak of Ohio, Martin Anielak of Ashley, Mo., and Walter Anielak of Benton, Mo.; three sisters, Viola Anielak and Catherine Anielak, both of St. Louis, and Helen Borowiak of St. Louis, Ill.; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mackenzie Gordon, whom she married June 5, 1954, in St. Louis, and who died Dec. 31, 1980; her parents, Francis and Anna (Myrnarczyk) Anielak; and three brothers, John, Raymond and Barney Anielak.

Visitation will begin at 2 p.m. today at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Ponton Road, Granite City, where services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday with the Rev. Samuel Boda officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, St. Louis.

She was beneficial to his congregation in addition to meeting a vital community need. "This is our first really active minister going outside of the community of Madison to Granite City," Knapp said.

"It has been a great challenge to us and the 15 to 20 people doing it love to do it for the people in need."

In addition to food and clothing, other needs are being provided, Raphael said. "Some of these people are not only starving for food, but also starving for contact with other people."

Some negatives have also become apparent as a result of the program.

"The need we need after need that we've uncovered," Raphael said.

It is frustrating to realize that some of these people won't eat breakfast Wednesday morning or won't have a place to sleep at night.

When meeting homeless people face-to-face, it's not just something on the TV news anymore. It's real," she said.

But homelessness and need for a community shelter is too big a problem for the "Meals of Love" program or the Baptist Association to handle alone, she said, and will take a citywide effort.

One problem with the free meal program is that the need has outgrown the available facilities.

The 16 volunteers last Tuesday were crammed into a kitchen that measures about 20 feet by 10 feet, preparing soup and sandwiches for the hungry.

The Granite City First Baptist Church has agreed to donate to the program an unfinished room

Beulah Snyder

Beulah B. (Rhoades) Snyder, 83, of Granite City died at 11 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1994, at VIP Manor Nursing Home, Wood River.

She was born Sept. 15, 1910, in Granite City and was a homemaker.

Survivors include one son, Gerald Snyder of Granite City; one daughter, Norma Fisher of Granite City; one sister, Florence Clanton; 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willis Snyder, who died Dec. 9, 1989; and her parents, Henry and Elsie Rhoades.

Services were held Saturday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, with the Rev. Henry Crippen officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Mary Mehelic
Mary A. (Polovich) Mehelic, 80, of Madison, formerly of St. Louis, died at 12:35 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City, after being ill for more than two years.

Born Nov. 1, 1913, in New Douglas, she had been a resident of Madison for the past 52 years.

She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Madison. St. Ann's Society and the Third Order of St. Francis.

Survivors include her husband, Louis J. Mehelic, whom she married May 29, 1937, in East St. Louis; three sons, Robert Mehelic of Granite City, Philip Mehelic of Kansas City, Mo., and Michael Mehelic of Edwardsville; four daughters, Mary Ann Schwab of Granite City, Jean Creamer of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., Marietta Dauwalter of Carver, Minn., and Andrea Herndon of Glendale, Mo.; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jacob and Anna (Zajac) Polovich; one brother, Michael Polovich; and two sisters, Catherine Polovich and Anne Polovich.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Labey-Sedlak Funeral Home, 615 Madison Ave., Madison, where the Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Monday.

Services will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10th Street and Alton Avenue, Madison, with the Rev. Jim Keefe officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for St. Mary's Catholic Church Improvement Fund.

adjacent to the dining area. The room is nearly twice the size of the existing kitchen and Raphael calls it her "dream room."

"First Baptist has been so good to us. They have provided us this space and been very accommodating," she said.

But paint, wallpaper or paneling, a drop ceiling, steam table, a lot of elbow grease and other necessities must be donated before Raphael's "dream kitchen" can become a reality.

In spite of the sometimes depressing nature of the program and the cramped quarters, she said, the program is well worth the cost.

"Even though we can't meet all the needs of the community, and not all people who are hungry are able to participate (because of transportation problems), we're doing a little bit and we're proud of it," Raphael said.

One mother of two small girls residing in the downtown Granite City area does not attend, but sends her daughters.

She calls before sending the girls out the door, and workers with the program call the woman when the girls have eaten and begin to return home.

Another regular customer on Tuesday nights is a 70-year-old woman who has no home. She provides the store a place to sleep.

"She is always polite and she never leaves without thanking us," Raphael said.

Persons or churches interested in donating items or participating in the program should call the Madison County Baptist Association at 931-6222.

Andrew Orsey

Andrew G. Orsey, 86, of Granite City died at 10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1994, at his residence after being ill for more than three years.

He was born Nov. 24, 1907, in Ava, Mo., and had been a resident of Granite City for more than 70 years.

Mr. Orsey was operator of Orsey's Food Market for 25 years prior to his retirement in 1970. He was a member of Holy Trinity Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church, Madison, and Moose Lodge 272, Granite City.

Survivors include his wife, Sylvia L. (Popovskiy) Orsey; one son, Assistant Illinois Attorney General Dennis J. Orsey of Granite City; one daughter, Marie Phelps Price, Utah; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Robert Orsey, who died in 1989; and his parents, Andrew and Anna (Bonaparte) Orsey.

Services were held Saturday at Davis Funeral Home, Granite City, with the Rev. Peter Slamboldier officiating. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for Holy Trinity Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church or Hospice of Madison County.

Charles Roark
Charles A. Roark, 82, of Granite City died at noon Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1994, at Anderson Hospital, Mayville. He was born Nov. 11, 1911, in Memphis, Tenn.

He was a truck driver with Western Trucking Co., St. Louis, for more than 25 years prior to his retirement.

Mr. Roark was a member of Teamsters Local 600, St. Louis, and the F Troop Motorcycle Club, a past longtime member of Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 4, Caseyville.

Survivors include one daughter, Linda Conlon of Farmington, Mo.; one sister, Lorraine Stamm of Eureka, Mo.; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret E. (Beckham) Roark; two brothers, Robert and Charles Roark; and two sisters, Rose Paul and Effie Roark.

Services were held Saturday at Kasky Colonial Mortuary, Fairview Heights, with the Rev. Mark D. Stee officiating. Burial was at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights.

Real estate transaction
The following real estate transactions were recorded at the Madison County Courthouse between Jan. 9 and Jan. 14:

18 Briarcliff.....\$47,000
2440 E 20th.....\$31,000
2920 Mockingbird.....\$5,000
2214 Ames.....\$34,000
2812 Mayville.....\$45,000
21 Perigen.....\$6,000
108 Briarhaven.....\$43,000
1736 Chouteau.....\$2,500
2228 E 25th.....\$2,000
35 Mike.....\$87,900
2800 W 20th.....\$23,000

Crossing
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proceeded under it and struck the pot hailer, the witness told police.

A police officer reported that the crossing gate arm was still down when he arrived at the scene of the accident, but that a flashing red light on the gate was functioning properly.

The officer reported that the cold weather may have been a factor in the malfunction. The

temperature was 7 degrees below zero and the wind chill was 45 degrees below zero at the time, according to the police report.

Bob Maxwell, director of public relations at Granite City Steel, said he could add no information to that contained in the police report.

Weatherperson was ticketed for driving without a seat belt, according to the police report.

Harry E. Mac

Harry E. "Mac" McClintock, 80, of Granite City, formerly of Vandalla, died at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center after a 10-year illness.

He was born Oct. 27, 1913, in Fairfield, Ill., and had resided in Granite City for the past 40 years.

He served as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Mr. McClintock was a personnel officer at the U.S. Defense Mapping Agency, St. Louis, for 18 years prior to his retirement in 1972 and was a member of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church, Granite City, Granite City Masonic Lodge 677 and Granite Chapter 650 of the Order of the Eastern Star, where he was a past worthy patron.

He also was a member of the York Rite, Aired Shrine Temple of East St. Louis, Low Twelve, Granite City Chapter 221 of the Royal Arch Masons, St. Clair Council 61 of the Royal and Select Masters, East St. Louis Commandery 81, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, where he was a past president, the Illinois Retired Teaching Association and Gabriel Shrine 78 of the White Shrine of Jerusalem.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth "Betty" McClintock; one daughter, Betty McClintock of Shobonier, Ill.; and two grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Phoebe (Elliott) McClintock.

Services were held Saturday at Davis Funeral Home, Granite City, with the Rev. Bruce Rushing officiating. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery, Vandalla.

Memorials are requested for Niedringhaus United Methodist Church.

Betty Fecurka
Betty J. (McCosky) Fecurka, 67, of Granite City died at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 1994, at her residence after a one-year illness.

Mrs. Fecurka was born Sept. 12, 1926, in Granite City and had been a lifelong resident. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, Anthony Fecurka, whom she married Sept. 16, 1950; three daughters, Diane, Anne and Dawn; two sons, Jim and David; and two brothers, Jim McCosky of Troy, Ill., and Tom McCosky of Tennessee. Mary Staggs of Granite City and Shirley Brooks of Phoenix, Ariz., and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Alice (Patrick) McCosky.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Mayville Road, Granite City, where a graveservice will be held at 6 p.m. Monday. Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 2301 Ponton Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Robert DeGard officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Memorials of Masses to the church are suggested.

Melvin Brookshier

Melvin Brookshier, 82, of Granite City, formerly of Jennings, Mo., died at 2:20 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1994, at his residence. He was born Aug. 12, 1911, in Springfield, Ill., and had been a resident of Granite City for the past 15 years.

A machine operator at General Steel, Granite City, for 32 years prior to his retirement in 1972, he was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, Jennings, and a World War II Navy veteran, he was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include one son, James Brookshier of St. Charles, Mo.; one daughter, Carolyn Broyles of Granite City; one brother, Fred Brookshier of Jacksonville, Fla.; two sisters, Neva Jackson of Springfield, Ill., and Frances Barrington of Mount Sterling, Ill.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel Betty Brookshier, who died in 1974; his parents, Whirl and Myrtle (Long) Brookshier; and two sisters, Bessie Grieme and Lelah Hartbank.

Visitation is from 4 to 9 p.m. today, Sunday, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Ponton Road, Granite City, with the Rev. James Webb officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery, St. Louis.

Tecla Hoef
Tecla Mary (Strubberg) Hoef, 84, of Ironton, Mo., died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1994, at Arcadia Valley Hospital in Missouri. She was born March 31, 1909, in Washington, Mo.

Survivors include one son, John Hoef of Bellevue, Mo.; two daughters, Dorothy Griffin of Ironton and Bettie Green of Granite City; three brothers, Fredrick Strubberg of Union, Mo., and Orlan and Ambrose Strubberg, both of Ironton; and two sisters, Bernice Sperry and Cecelia Berry, both of New Haven, Mo.; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Hoef, who died in 1980; her parents, Bernard and Catherine (Borgerding) Strubberg; two brothers, Leonard and Steve Strubberg; and one grandson.

Services were held Friday at White Federal Home, Ironton, with the Rev. Charles Dickinson officiating. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

Julia Benfield
Julia (Baima) Benfield, 89, of Granite City, formerly of Montana, died at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was born in Collinsville, Mo., and resided in Montana until 1985.

She was a homemaker. Survivors include one daughter, Elizabeth Lloyd of Granite City; eight grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Benfield; and her parents, John and Elizabeth (Navon) Baima.

Her remains were cremated. Arrangements were by Davis Funeral Home, Granite City.

Milestones

Hudzik

Andrew Hudzik celebrates her birthday today.

Williams

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Activity Professional Day celebration set

Maxine Green covers the Granite City and Nazecki Township area for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be contacted at 381-6256.

Joe and Lisa Kalips are announcing the arrival of their first baby, a daughter, Samantha Elizabeth was born at St. Elizabeth Medical Center Jan. 5 and weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces. The maternal grandparents are Bill and Elizabeth Gibbons and the paternal grandparents are Emma Kalips and the late Leo Kalips.

National Activity Professional Day will be celebrated on Friday, Jan. 28. The nation's activity professionals are dedicated men and women who help enrich the daily lives of older adults in long-term care facilities. They provide programs related to community involvement and all types of activities related to maintaining normal life pursuits for the elderly. If you can assist these activity professionals or want more information, contact the local nursing homes or call Paula Burnes at 345-3072.

Avon representatives attending



Maxine Green

The monthly meeting in January were Lenore Welly, Barbara Warren, Winnie Pointer, Melvin Byrd, Dorothy Alsop, Sharon Rollins, Rhonda Painter, Leneva Henderson, Gladys Templeman, Eileen Davis, Cindy Edwards, Eleanor White, Sandra Hamilton, Rose Dooten, Carol Gilland, Gertrude Ashford, Marilyn Mahere, Lois Hoy, Tommie Meyers.

Lillian Ruegge, Sophia Bero, Julia Lotzy, Mickey Strack, Rea Gardner, Rosa Lux, Elaine Station, Debbie McElroy, Patty Miles, Clara Winters, JoAnn Huelsketter, Clarine Coggin, Kathy Wacker, Sue Elser, Gerri Clark, Nora Hailer, Iola Voyes, Jeanne Burke, Ruth Ray, Eula McKee, Barb Hansen and Corky Nance.

After the welcome, Phyllis Laster presented new ideas,

goals and awards. Door prizes were drawn. New-Star Honor Roll representatives were recognized. Avon anniversaries and birthday gifts were awarded. Mrs. Albee awards were given to Bev Gale Davis, Nora Hailer, Eleanor White, Lois Baumberger, Rose Dooten, Kim May, Lois Hoy, Julia Lotzy, Carol Gilland, Winnie Pointer, Gladys Templeman and Ruth Ray.

The next sales meeting will be held at 11 a.m. or 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at 2023 Edison Ave., Granite City. Each representative is requested to take a Valentine to the person who has inspired you most and a note stating what your Valentine means to you.

The Employee of the Year for 1993 in the Meadowbrook Care Center is Mary Adams of medical records. She was chosen for her ability to control budget and use resources for patients needs, as well as her ability to give such enthusiasm and love to everyone she comes in contact with. Mary is a wife and mother of three children. She is an invaluable asset to the Meadowbrook family and is congratulated for a job always well done.



New officers — New officers for 1994 for the Madison Senior Citizens were installed recently by Joe Timko. From left they are Mary Harvac, treasurer; Olga Yurko, recording secretary; Helen Cholevic, historian; Dorothy Vastlof, president; and Francis Baker, chaplain. Not pictured was May Ann Bank, vice president.

Junior Groups of 22nd District Auxiliary hold bingo party

The Junior Groups of the 22nd District American Legion Auxiliary held a bingo party at the Jefferson Barracks Veterans Administration Nursing Home in St. Louis Dec. 14.

Attending from Venice-Madison Unit 307 were Jenna Miller, Megan Miller, Amanda Foley, Melissa Anderson, Kaleigh Peery, Chelsey Peery, Rhonda Ballard and Chrissie Ballard. The senior members attending were Kristen Yobby, Cindy

Yobby, Connie Ballard and Dorothy Hinson. Cahokia Unit 784 members attending were Hannah Norman, Jessica Sanford and Eva Winters. Senior members attending were Margaret Payne, Marilyn Crider, Shelly Williams, Nada Hutson, Carolyn Fudge and Sally Narez. Granite City Unit 113 attendees were Nina Serrano, Celah Barks and Katie Barks, who is the 22nd District chairman.

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Support groups have been in existence for many years. They can become a vital and positive influence in the lives of both patients and those who care about them. By providing information about their disease and how to live with it, support group members can create a better working partnership between patient and physician.

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The following is information about Memorial-sponsored support groups. For more information about these groups, call the Community Relations Department at 233-7750, extension 5649.

DIABETES

A mutual support group comprised of people with diabetes, their families and people who have had their lives affected by diabetes. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of every month from 9 to 11 a.m. in the hospital auditorium. **NEXT MEETING: February 28**

FIBROMYALGIA SYNDROME

This support group is for people with fibromyalgia syndrome (FMS) and their families. FMS is considered to be a widespread musculoskeletal pain and fatigue disorder for which the cause is still unknown. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month from

7 to 9 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. **NEXT MEETING: February 15**

HOPE

Hospital Oncology Patient and Family Education was formed to assist cancer patients, former cancer patients and people who have their lives affected by cancer. The HOPE group meets the last Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. in the auditorium. **NEXT MEETING: February 24**

JOINT REPLACEMENT

This group is for people who have experienced or who are anticipating joint replacement surgery, their families and people whose lives are affected

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by this surgery. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month from 7 to 9 p.m. in the auditorium. **NEXT MEETING: February 9**

LUPUS

This support group is affiliated with the Illinois and Missouri Chapters of the Lupus Foundation of America. Meetings are held offering information and insight for coping with lupus on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. **NEXT MEETING: February 15**

MENDED HEARTS, INC. - BELLEVILLE CHAPTER

Mended Hearts is a volunteer organization consisting of people who have heart disease, their families, medical professionals and other interested people. Additionally, Mended Hearts members form a support group for one another, contributing emotional backing to recovering patients and their families. For more information, call Memorial's Social Service Department at 233-7750, extension 5420.

METRO EAST HEAD TRAUMA

This group is for people who are moving ahead with their lives after experiencing brain injury due to trauma, surgery or disease. Family and friends are welcome to

participate. Meetings are held in Memorial's Occupational Therapy Department, Call 233-7750, extension 5258 for specific meeting dates and times.

NU-VOICE

Conducted in cooperation with the American Cancer Society, the Nu-Voice Club is for laryngectomies - people who have had their voice boxes (larynxes) removed as well as their families and friends. For more information about meeting dates and times, call the Speech Pathology Department at 233-7750, extension 5255.

PROSTATE CANCER

A mutual support group for people with prostate cancer, their families and people who have had their lives affected by prostate cancer. Meetings are held on the third Monday of every other month from 7 to 9 p.m. in the auditorium. **NEXT MEETING: February 21**

PULMONARY REHABILITATION

A group for people with diseases of the lung and their families. Individuals with chronic lung disease and their families learn about the disease, as well as share ideas and solutions to their problems. Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium. **NEXT MEETING: February 23**

Girls

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long dry spell at the free-throw line. The Lady Warriors rallied behind the inside play of Jamie Cavaness and the outside shooting of Denise McMillan.

But the biggest contribution came from reserve guard Mikla Economy, who entered the game in the fourth quarter. With 1:31 left, Economy went to the line for a one-and-one and knocked in both shots to cut Belleville West's lead to 30-45.

After a free-throw miss by Brea Nungesser, Economy nailed a clutch three-pointer from the top of the key to make it a two-point game at the 1:12 mark. The Lady Warriors again fouled Nungesser, who missed again. After a missed shot by Granite City, McCall drew a foul and came up empty at the line with 51 seconds left.

That set the stage for Cavaness. With 21 seconds left, she took the ball in stress and hit a turnaround jumper to tie the game. Nungesser had a chance to put the Maroons back on top at the other end when she was fouled with nine seconds left, but she missed once again.

The teams went to the three-minute overtime and McCall put the Maroons up 52-50 with a jumper. But McMillan answered with a drive to the basket, and after a free throw by Lisa Archibald, Granite City's Joanna Gro-

Granite City 59, Belleville West 54 (OT)

Granite City	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Points	12	15	10	12	10	59
Rebounds	10	12	8	10	10	50
Assists	5	8	6	7	5	31
Steals	3	4	2	3	2	14
Blocks	1	2	1	1	1	6
Fouls	15	12	10	10	10	57

Belleville West — Granite City's Mikla Economy 15, Cavaness 10, Groves 10, Willis 4, Kessel 3, McMillan 3, Groves 2, Economy 2, Nungesser 2, Archibald 2, McCall 2.

Granite City — Brea Nungesser 15, Economy 10, Willis 4, Kessel 3, McMillan 3, Groves 2, Economy 2, Nungesser 2, Archibald 2, McCall 2.

Granite City converted a three-point play to put Granite City up 55-53 and for good.

Groves' shot with 1:37 left in overtime marked the first time in the entire game Granite City had taken the lead.

The game was over when they went ahead, Betz said. "We've lost a lot of close games. The kids played hard. (But) we missed eight free throws in a row."

Cavaness clinched the win by hitting two foul shots with 48 seconds left to make it 57-53. After a free throw by Belleville West's Sarah Enke, Economy hit two more free throws with 28 seconds left to account for the final margin.

Cavaness led all scorers with 25 points after finishing with a game-high 29 points in last week's game at Belleville West. "We were down early on, but Coach just got us going," Cavaness said. "Defense is what won it for us. After (Economy) hit the three, we knew we had it."

"Mikla stepped up and hit a big three," Weller said. "That was a big boost for us."

Economy finished with seven points. McMillan had 16 points, including four three-pointers.

Tanika Hardin led the Maroons with 18 before fouling out in overtime.

The win was a significant one for the Lady Warriors, who improved to 12-5 overall and 4-2 in conference play. Belleville West dropped to 6-12, 2-4.

The Lady Warriors had been off all week after defeating Alton 72-41 on Jan. 14. The inactivity showed in the first half against Belleville West, when the Maroons took a 33-19 lead.

Belleville West limited Granite City to just five points in the second quarter, all by Cavaness.

"It was a difficult night for us," Weller said. "We struggled the whole game offensively. Defensively, we had a hard time denying the ball to the low post."

Granite City's next game is Tuesday at Collinsville.



(Staff photo by PATRICK HANES)

Jamie Cavaness goes up for a shot as Belleville West's Tanika Hardin (middle) and Granite City's Stephanie Brandt and Jennifer Willis look on.

Ware

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"That was the biggest team we've ever played against," Ware said. "They were like giants out there, but we took the ball to them. We didn't let their size intimidate us."

"We held our own. We got within two points, and then they started pulling away from us. I thought (Ware) had a real good game against Ritter," Harris said. "He was going with the best of them. When he scored in the first few minutes and found out how easy it was, he found out he could play with them."

"HE PLAYED A good game against Jahid White. The person that beat us was Carravell. (Ware) didn't back down just because it was the biggest front line in the nation. His next game, he came back and got 24 rebounds."

While Ware's rebounding sometimes overshadows his scoring, there is usually a good reason. As Venice's tallest player, Ware has to be in position to collect rebounds. The Red Devils are a small team built around Ware, Burnett and a steady rotation of guards.

"It seems like everything that goes up, I grab," Ware said. "I go up with a lot of force. I concentrate on rebounding because I figure that's where your offense comes from."

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—Jermaine Ware, Venice senior

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Ware is not often said by Harris, did not play organized basketball until his sophomore year. Ware was cut from the team as a freshman and served as the team manager.

HE DID NOT become a varsity starter until the very beginning of last year, something most of Venice's opponents would find hard to believe.

"I went from manager to playing JV and then varsity," Ware said.

"He was a little timid last year and he got stronger as the year went on," Harris said. "He improved all year."

Ware was able to contain both Ware and Burnett, who led the Red Devils to a regional

championship. The title salvaged a tough season for Venice, which finished under .500 for the first time in 10 years under Harris.

But the team's struggles have resurfaced this season. The Red Devils fell to 5-8 after dropping their first two games at the Spartans Mid-Winter Classic this week.

"We should be better than that," Ware said. "We've been off a little bit. We're disappointed. We've played a lot of close games so we should have won."

WARE HAS SUPPLIED most of Venice's offense as of late. He prepared for this season by playing on a local AAU team with Burnett and Lebanon High's Allen Berry and Brian Blazier. The team made it to within one game of advancing to national competition.

"It helped me get stronger playing against bigger people," Ware said. "I've been getting stronger and more physical. I went to the park every day and played in some summer leagues."

Offensively, Ware has been much more aggressive and consistent this season than last year. Harris would like to see the trend continue.

"If he can get even stronger," Harris said. "His offense needs to get a little stronger. He needs to work on his scoring a little more."

"He needs to put a little more work in. I believe if he did, he could be a whole lot better. It's just a matter of getting confidence and improving."

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Matmen

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This season, coach Mike Garland said, "We have a lot of goals throughout the season," Garland said. "And we need matches like this. We were pretty beat up coming into 1994. It's good to be healthy and ready to go."

GRANITE CITY REELED off three straight wins by fall after Mike Delisle's victory. T.J. Slay (125) stuck Sam Hall in 2:44 and Ernie Miller — the lone senior in the Granite City lineup — pummeled Keith Ward in 3:51 at 130. Brian Schooley then needed 2:54 to win by fall over John Castelli at 135. Portz said the meet was probably over before the Kahoks even took the mat.

During the minute kids walk out there, it's the Granite City intimidation," said Portz, whose team beat Triad to improve to 15-5 on the season. "Granite City's the only team I've never beaten and it kind of haunts me."

"But we won't let this phase us. When they get rolling, it just snowballs."

Snowball it did for the Warriors, who got wins from Justin Beam at 140 and John Vonne at 145. Joe Scott won by fall at 132, and Jeff Estrada picked up a win by technical fall at 160.

Tony Buchek won by forfeit at 171. Before John Sellers and Chris James pinned their opponents at 189 and 275.

As for the intimidation factor: Slay, who ran his record to 28-1 with 22 pins, said that's something that comes with the Warriors' success.

"Most of the teams feel they're beat before they get out there," Slay said. "And we think teams will still come after us like they're hungry."

The Warriors also posted their first shutouts of the season Friday, trouncing Jerseyville and Triad by identical 74-0 scores.

"Conditioning and hard work are what get us through," Garland said.

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COOK SUNDAY DINNER in your newly remodeled country kitchen with built-in microwave and dishwasher. Lots of oak cabinetry. Home is totally new inside.

LOOKING & START MOVING. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 1½ story home. Beautifully finished. Nice lot. Has large fenced in yard with back yard and even has fenced area for flower. Upstairs could be turned into apartment and has separate entrance.

INVESTORS — TAKE NOTE! 3 bedroom bungalow with newer furnace in 1981 and newer central air in 1982. Located in the Birchwood area.

MAKE 1994 THE YEAR YOU BECOME A HOMEOWNER with this 3 bedroom brick home in quiet neighborhood. Maryville School district. Lots of potential.


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HOST - CHARLES PALUS
OPEN FLOOR PLAN - 3 bedrooms, harem bath, 1469 sq. ft. of living space. Large lot. Wood burning fireplace in living room. Atrium doors to patio off kitchen. Off Hwy. 111 behind McDonalds Timberlake.

NICE HOME. Quiet street. Thermo windows, new furnace, large living room/dining room combo. Hardwood floors. Basement is finished. Also has full bath.

LARGE HOME. Open floor plan. Large family room kitchen combo with 2-way fireplace. Spacious living room. Huge family room in

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2 one-act operas slated at SIUE

The Opera Theater of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville will present two one-act operas by Giacomo Puccini—*Gianni Schicchi* and *Suor Angelica*—at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 28-29, in the SIUE Communications Building Theater.

A comic opera, *Gianni Schicchi* tells the story of greedy relatives who conspire to rewrite an uncle's will, leaving all of his riches to themselves. However, a problem occurs when their friend, Gianni, turns the tables and steals the money for himself.

Cast members include: Michael Boscher as St. Charles, Mo., in the title role; Lisa Maxedon of Sullivan as Lauretta; Laura Hogan of South St. Louis County as Zita; Eric Lewis of Alton as Rinaldo; John Shelby of Alton as Gherardo; Jennifer Self of St. Charles, Mo., as Nella; Greg Grazer of Godfrey as Belco; Ralph Walden of Granite City as Simon; April Baumann of St. Charles, Mo., as Ciesca; and Larry Fry of Belleville as Spurio.

Suor Angelica chronicles the tragic story of a young girl who is banished to a convent by her family for having a child out of wedlock. After she learns of the death of her young child, *Suor Angelica* is overcome with grief and commits suicide, a mortal sin for which she must lose her soul.

Cast members include: Jonny Spaulding of St. Charles, Mo., in the title role; Leslie Rembert of Ferguson, Mo., as the Princess; Shannon Shepard of Manchester, Mo., as the Abbess; April Baumann of St. Charles as the Monitor; Jennifer Conley of Godfrey as Mistress of the Novices; April Baumann of St. Charles as Sr. Genevieve and as one of the Fouries; Sally Dehoff of Carverville as Sr. Osmina; Vicky Mansell of South St. Louis County as the Nursing Sister; Laine Sager of Collinsville as one of the Fouries; and Jennifer Self of St. Charles as the Novice.

Tickets for the opera performances are \$5; students and senior citizens, \$3. For ticket information, call the SIUE department of music, 682-3900.

Auditions set for 'The Seagull'

Auditions for the Arts League Players of Edwardsville production of Anton Chekhov's *'The Seagull'* will be held at the ALP Warehouse in Edwardsville at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 6, and at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7. The play calls for six men and four women, ages 16-60 (approximately); performances will be April 15-16 and 22-23. For directions to the warehouse or more information, call Kevin Beyer at 381-6215.

Horoscope

Sunday, Jan. 23
The moon in chatty Gemini trine Mercury spices up encounters, visits and conversations around the neighborhood. Write a letter or send a fun card. Make reservations for a long-distance journey. Next week, plan to have lots of fun with your family, but don't push the one you love to make a decision or tempers could erupt.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Experienced family members may hold the key to your dilemma. Try that new recipe, formula or system. Thursday and Friday bring romantic or creative distractions, so get routine matters cleared away before then.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Apply for credit or loans, and study ways to make your paycheck go farther. Or, better yet, try to increase your income. A little risk may pay off in a big way. Travel is favored. A Scorpio needs tactful handling in a sticky situation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Experts can provide data to prove your point. Your in-laws may resent your independent attitude, but keep smiling as you do it your way, anyway. Passions can lead you down a garden path—but think before acting. You have your hands full with jealousy among relatives—a comforting dream will come, so try to remember it in the morning. You are a diplomatic Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Invitations to work-related activities are the kind that must be accepted. Your ability to inspire co-workers is finally appreciated by your good heart and generosity.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 23). In February, money and job matters improve, and your ambition takes wing once again. In April, enjoy a new home and increased harmony in family relations. Fall in love in May or June, when settling down is on your mind. Start a diet in August. Get married or make relocation decisions in October. A career goal can be reached in November.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't feel like being bossed around. Life's too short to let relatives' shortcomings give you a hard time. The evening is perfect for relaxing at home—a hot bath and a chat with a pal gets you ready for a busy week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). True love is easier to talk about with your mate—or with your intended. Be a good sport, and make a good impression on a new romantic interest. Next week, get errands and important shopping done by Wednesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Home repairs and big cleaning projects are favored. A co-worker calls to ask you for your advice. It's time to catch up on correspondence, update your resume or make interview appointments for new jobs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Intentions can go awry, so keep your sense of humor handy. Long heart-to-heart talks with an old pal are great for boosting your confidence. Next week, your energy and ambition are high—you're in demand.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Making deals is the deal for the day—buying and selling is favored. Try a new restaurant or recipe. Next week, you're called upon to fill in when others are delayed. Aquarius bring good luck—so take one shopping.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The day gets better as it goes on—what's been put off can now be done, and what's been argued about can now be settled amicably. The evening is imaginative and fun with kids.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Enjoy cozying up to those at home or entertaining successfully. A friend may confide in you about a secret love affair or a secret interest in you—be discreet, and show that you deserve his or her trust.

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